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In this special New Year issue we've highlighted the kitchen and bathroom trends on the rise in 2016 (Ones to watch, **page 47**), so you can be confident with the style of your new, on-trend interior. We also dispel the rumour that ultra-modern technology is only for the most contemporary kitchens (Timeless tech, **page 72**) and showcase showstopping statement baths (Make a splash!, **page 88**).

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The CDP95380PR 15 place setting dishwasher from Candy comes with Perfect Rapid Zone technology, which sees two spray arms operating independently to deliver a powerful clean in a 24 or 59 minute-long cycle. £250. **candy-domestic.co.uk**

The OB60SC7CEW1 mechanical oven from Fisher & Paykel features seven functions, including: Bake, Classic bake, Fan bake, Fan forced, Fan grill, Grill and Pastry bake. It has a roomy 72-litre capacity and is shown here in white with a polished metal trim. Also available in black reflective glass. £600. **fisherpaykel.com/uk**





These oxidised pendant lights from Skinflint’s Oxide collection will give your kitchen a classic, industrial vibe. Light from £265. **skinflintdesign.co.uk**

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The Henley kitchen range from Daval Furniture features one-piece shaker doors painted in a smooth finish. The timeless design merges contemporary and classic styles, providing a modern take on traditional shaker cabinetry. Available in a variety of painted hues, including Porcelain soft white, Mist light grey, Mussel soft green grey and Pebble grey (as shown). From £10,000. **daval-furniture.co.uk**



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Product: Steel Cucine 'Maxi' fridge freezer
Finish: Stainless steel
Price: £11,700
bradshaw.co.uk

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The Beko DFN28321 EcoSmart dishwasher with EverClean Filter rinses out any food particles remaining in the filter, helping to maintain hygiene and reducing the amount of times the filter needs to be cleaned. £300. **beko.co.uk**



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Contemporary kitchens from Leicht are now available with an ultra-matt Bondi finish. The smooth surface is pleasant, has a velvety appearance and helpfully resists fingerprints. The trendy coating is well suited to large islands as it offers a sleek, seamless look. Shown here in Carbon Grey colour. Price on request. **leicht.com/en**



Hotpoint Ultimate Collection MWH 33343B combination microwave oven with drop-down door for easy access. £300. **hotpoint.co.uk**

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This Scandinavian home, designed by architectural practice Therkildsen Arkitekter, features natural wood flooring from Danish design company Dinesen. The timber flooring is finished in lye and white soap, which prevents the floor from turning dark over time and gives the surface a smooth, pleasant feel on bare feet. The property also features a sleek Culina kitchen with Gaggenau appliances and a bathroom from Nordic design company Vola. **dinesen.com**



AS SEEN ON THE COVER

THE owners

A married couple live together in this stylish, contemporary home in Vejle, Denmark. The couple own a successful family-run business, selling fibreglass for boats, and they share an interest for interior design. The rural property overlooks fields and a small lake.

The property's floor, which runs through the kitchen, corridors and living areas, is in Dinesen Douglas planks. The pale timber beams help bring the outside in while uniting the different areas of the spacious home. To help with the cool Danish winters the floor is complemented by underfloor heating.



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Treemme Rubinetterie 5MM flat-topped freestanding bath shower mixer in chrome finish. Price on request. **rubinetterie3m.it**



The Merlyn Showering 10 Series Offset Quadrant shower enclosure has a smooth gliding door. The shower is 2m high and has 10mm-thick safety glass – available in clear or smoked. £2,080. **merlynshowering.com**



The Plus basin from Aston Matthews curves downwards to give a pleasingly rounded look. It is available in six sizes including 800mm wide (as shown). Basin including wall-hung unit £855. **astonmatthews.co.uk**

Product: Valois square mirror
Finish: White antiqued wood effect
Price: £140
withinhome.com





The Just Silence outdoor whirlpool spa from Villeroy & Boch has a modern exterior in Light Grey and an interior in Snow White. It can comfortably seat up to five people and is operated by a touchscreen display. From £13,200. **villeroy-boch.com**

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The basins and bath shown here are carved from fine-grained Nero Marquina black marble. The dark stone features naturally formed white veining, which means each piece boasts its own unique pattern. Other materials available on request.

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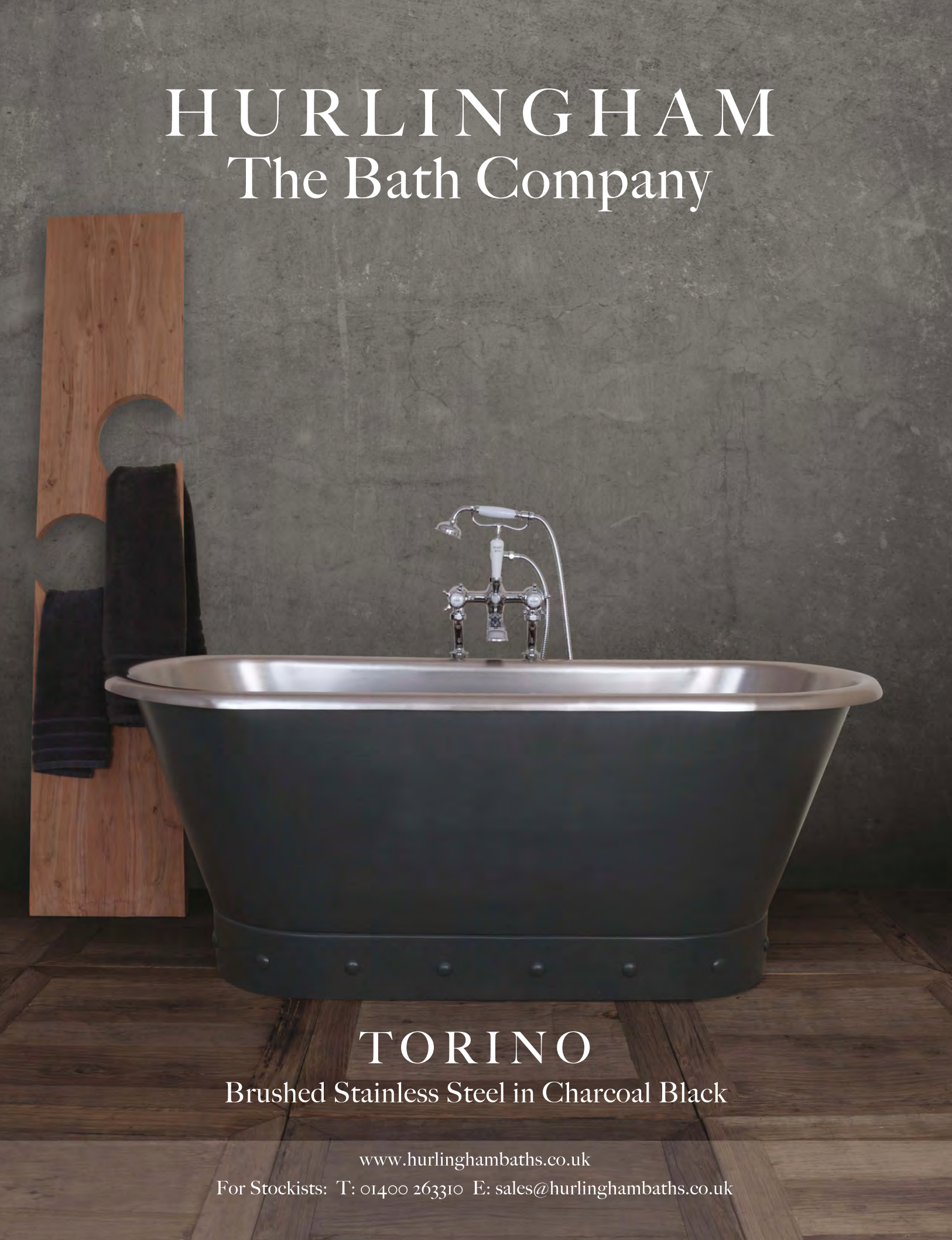
The sculptural Bjhon freestanding column washbasin, designed by Italian bathroom brand Agape and available from West One Bathrooms, will soon be available in eye-catching dark stone, complementing the exclusive In-Out circular bath made of the same material. Bath £29,095; Basin, price on request. **westonebathrooms.com**



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The freestanding ‘La Cabine’ storage unit, designed by Finwood Designs and available from Ripples, is a self-contained solution suited to a bathroom or bedroom. The solid oak structure features an integrated basin and comes with a mirror on its reverse. It is available in a choice of eight oiled finishes including Natural Oil (as shown). Also available as a wall-hung option. £5,980. **ripples.ltd.uk**


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Methven Aio bath filler. £250. **methven.com/uk**



The ‘TT’ wall-hung washbasin from Art Ceram is made of Livingtec, a man-man solid surface material. Its intriguing form was inspired by double-T beams used to support architectural structures. Price on request. **artceram.it**



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The freestanding double-ended ‘Stone’ bath from Frontline Bathrooms is smooth to the touch and has an attractive depth for a relaxing soak. Its minimalistic design is timeless and its thermal properties ensure its water stays hotter for longer. £1,795. **frontlinebathrooms.co.uk**



Product: Pan Style mixer tap
Finish: Chrome spout with white body
Price: On request
zucchettikos.com

LAUNCHING SPRING 2016



The deck-mounted ‘Pure’ basin mixer, designed by Jee-O and available from C.P. Hart, boasts a unique ring lever. Also available as wall-mounted. From £1,000. **cphart.co.uk**



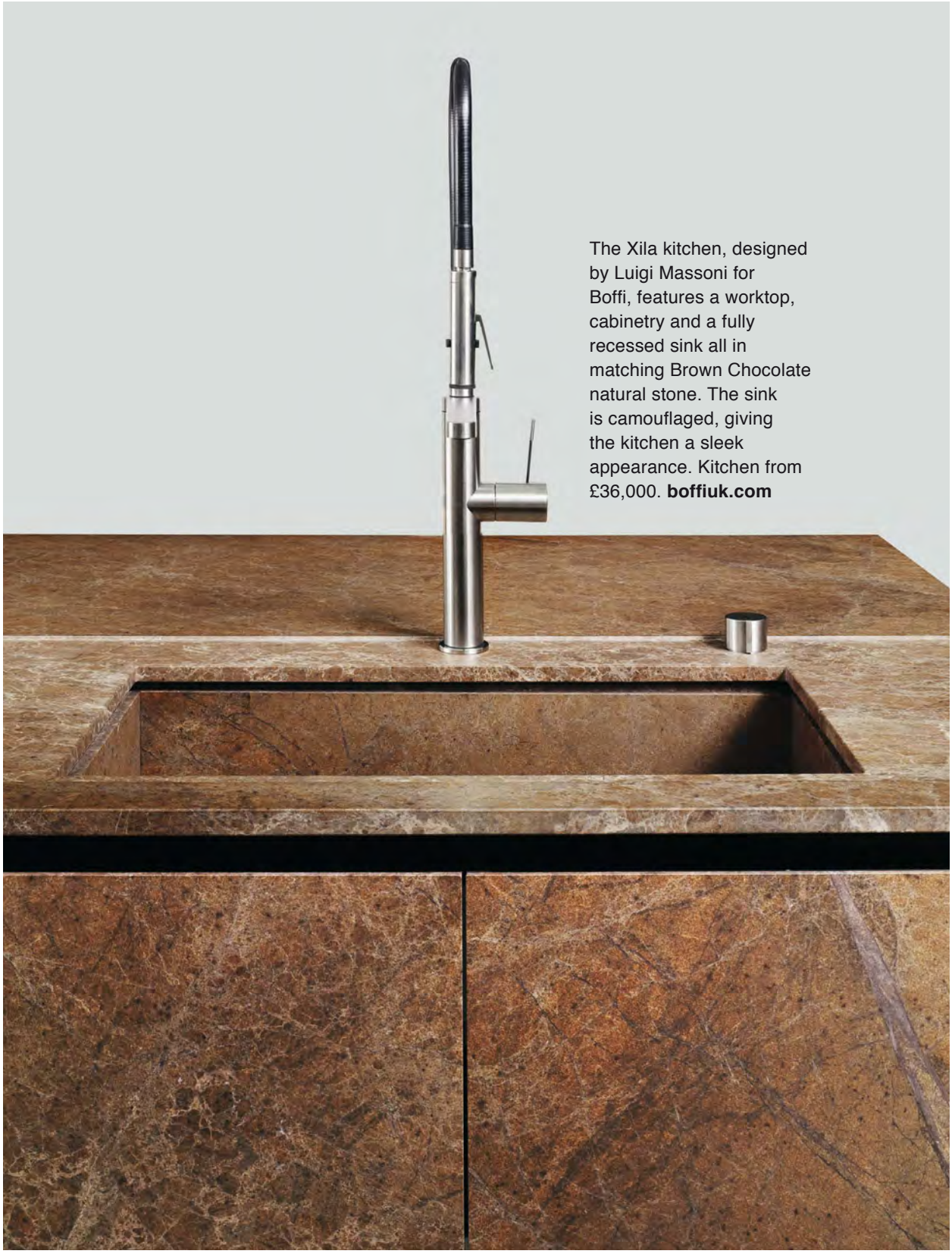
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The Xila kitchen, designed by Luigi Massoni for Boffi, features a worktop, cabinetry and a fully recessed sink all in matching Brown Chocolate natural stone. The sink is camouflaged, giving the kitchen a sleek appearance. Kitchen from £36,000. **boffiuk.com**

EDITOR'S tip...

Consider how you will use your sink. If it will be used daily for prep and washing, a large sink with a decent depth will work best. If you only need a sink to catch any overspill from your tap, then opt for a small bowl that occupies less space.

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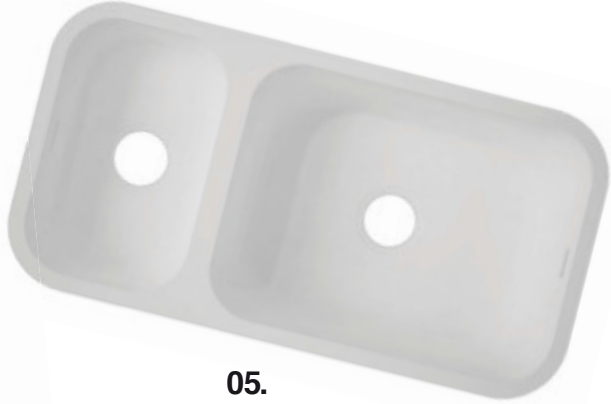
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[**01**] Perrin & Rowe 'Butler 600' ceramic single bowl sink, £365, **perrinandrowe.co.uk** [**02**] Waterworks R.W. Atlas range Arabescato marble sink, £2,195, **uk.waterworks.com** [**03**] CDA KG80BL composite double bowl sink with Ariapura technology, which purifies the air around the sink, £260, **cda.eu** [**04**] Rangemaster Sinks & Taps 'Magma' two bowl granite sink in Ash black, £365, **rangemastersinks.co.uk** [**05**] 'Smooth' two-bowl sink made of Corian, a stain-resistant, hygienic solid surface material that is easy to clean, £450, **corian.co.uk**









Clockwise from top left: Wren Kitchens Shaker Light Oak kitchen with Foss stainless steel sink and drainer, sink £230, **wrenkitchens.com** Crosswater 'Belgravia' semi-inset Belfast sink in Polar White, £495, **crosswater.co.uk** Neolith by TheSize 'Estatuario' sintered compact worktop with inset sink, from £120 per square metre at 6mm thickness, **neolith.com** Blanco worktop and inset sink in Steelart Durinox, a scratch-, water- and fingerprint resistant finish, custom-made worktop and sink combination from £1,800, **blanco.co.uk**



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[**01**] Crosswater ‘Ovalé’ oval sink in Metallic Black, £1,295, **crosswater.co.uk** [**02**] Shaws of Darwen ‘Classic Belfast’ fireclay ceramic sink, £325, **shawsofdarwen.com** [**03**] Fired Earth ‘Vermont Classic Double 1000’ fireclay ceramic sink, £730, **firedearth.com** [**04**] Abode ‘Matrix SQ GR15 Sable Granite’ two-bowl sink, £340, **abode.eu** [**05**] Grohe ‘Ambi Cosmopolitan’ mixer with Foster ‘Elettra’ stainless steel sink, sink with tap from £390, **grohe.com/uk** [**06**] Kallista ‘For Town’ deep, single bowl sink in white Carrara marble with a honed matt finish, from £5,960, **kallista.com**

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This magnificent kitchen island brings a touch of nature to its contemporary surroundings. The captivating design combines a flat-topped tree trunk with a sleek metal body to create a structure that is as functional as it is striking.

A solid oak tree trunk gives this unique kitchen island designed by Willi Bruckbauer a dramatic edge. The bark on the hand-worked trunk has been left in its natural state, while its top has been flattened to offer an additional preparation or serving space. The bark's tactile surface offers a pleasing contrast to the linear stainless steel unit it accompanies. It is the perfect choice for the nature-centric individual looking to bring the outside in! **werkhaus.cc/en**



WALK THE LINE

Asymmetric walls weren't the only challenge when creating this sophisticated open-plan kitchen, as it also had to appease owners with two very different tastes…



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A centralised contemporary staircase divides the dining and kitchen zones in the open-plan space. The vibrantly patterned Butterfly Parade fabric used on the dining chairs and the eccentric Innermost Wooster Top Hat lights inject some playful character into the room.







Andrew and Cheryl Taylor wanted a complete redesign of the five-bedroomed Victorian home they share with their two young sons. They called on Jai Goodwin, senior designer at Smallbone of Devizes, to create a kitchen that could walk the line between two distinctive styles.

Why did you decide to redo your kitchen?
Andrew: "We redesigned the whole house, so the new kitchen was part of the refurbishment."

What was the brief?
Cheryl: "We wanted something classic yet modern with a touch of glamour."
Andrew: "It also needed to be durable as the kids were going to give it some hammer!"



Bi-folding doors open to provide access to the garden. The building is built on a triangular plot, so the bespoke kitchen had to complement the unusually angled walls.



THE owners

Cheryl Taylor, a reconstructive surgeon, and her husband Andrew, a property developer, live in this double-fronted five-bedroomed Victorian home in Fulham, London, with their two sons.



Although the kitchen is on the property's lower ground floor, it benefits from an abundance of light and beautiful garden views.

The kitchen island has an unusual, asymmetric shape that draws the eye. Its Caesarstone 4141 Misty Carrara worktop sits at an abstract angle so it runs parallel with the irregular angle of the wall behind. Contemporary Ligne Roset bar stools and a Miele wine cooler complement the island.



How did you choose this style?
Andrew: "My wife is into old-school glamour while I'm the modernist. To compromise I chose the clean lines, the units and the sleek Miele appliances and Cheryl added in the beaten silver arc handles and the mirrored kickboards for some glamour."

Did the design evolve at all?
Andrew: "The design definitely evolved over time, for example the 2.9m ceiling height in the lower ground floor meant that standard units would have looked stunted, so we opted for extra tall ones. We also introduced glass into the cabinetry, which allows interesting kitchenware and china to be seen, rather than being out of sight behind closed doors."

Were there any must-have elements?
Cheryl: "We wanted the kitchen to be a social hub as well as a functional space, so a big island that the whole family could gather around was essential. Twin ovens and a warming drawer were important too, so we could cook large family dinners and cater for parties."



The cabinetry and island are painted in Farrow & Ball Light Blue, which keeps the space looking light and airy.



Tell us about the lighting
Andrew: "Tom Dixon Fat Beat lights hang over the island while the family of top hats over the dinner table provide statement lighting. In the kitchen there are also LEDs along the length of the wall, which are good fun for parties – and we've got built-in speakers too."

Do you have a favourite part of the kitchen?
Cheryl: "Most definitely the kitchen island."
Andrew: "The worktop is one entire slab of stone. The design is also funky – it runs parallel with the four walls creating an offset rhombus shape that sits on a rectangular carcass making space for a breakfast bar. It feels really special."

Has your new kitchen changed the way you use the space?
Andrew: "The open plan kitchen allows a conversation to be held between the kitchen, dining and TV areas – which is great. An added bonus is that I can watch Match of the Day on Sunday mornings through the staircase and keep an eye on the boys, as I cook breakfast for the family."

THE details

Kitchen design by Jai Goodwin, senior designer at Smallbone of Devizes, including bespoke hand-painted cabinetry in Farrow & Ball Light Blue, Caesarstone 4141 Misty Carrara worktops and molten silver handles **smallbone.co.uk**

Miele DA422-4 extractor hood, H4810BCLST single oven, ESW508029 CLST warming drawer, H5040BMCLST combi microwave, KWT415UGI wine cooler, G4170Vi dishwasher **miele.co.uk**

Siemens KA2DV78G fridge freezer **siemens.co.uk**

Franke PKX110/70 stainless steel sink, Olympus tap with pull-out spray **franke.com**

Ligne Roset Pam bar stool x2 **ligne-roset.com**

Christian Lacroix at Designers Guild Butterfly Parade dining chair in Lagon green x6 **designersguild.com**

Heals Innermost Wooster Top Hat pendant light x4 (above dining table) **heals.co.uk**

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Ones to watch...

From stylish new finishes to innovative technologies, and from unexpected materials to elegant accessories, these up-and-coming trends are going from strength to strength. Get ahead of the curve and give your kitchen and bathroom a new lease of life with styles and designs that are set to soar in 2016…



"The beauty of choosing a bespoke kitchen is being able to incorporate different materials for a modern aesthetic."

Andrew Hays, group creative director, Smallbone of Devizes



CREATIVE COMBINATIONS

A single, clean look in the kitchen has been tried and tested – matching appliances, and cabinetry in the same material, colour and finish has always been a safe bet (providing you don't opt for something too outside the box). But now is the time to be brave, combine styles and make a brilliant new concoction that is attractive and completely unique. A truly bespoke kitchen is yours to mould, so consider which materials can work well alongside each other. Opt for more than one colour and different textures and finishes, and create a kitchen that is truly one-of-a-kind.

The Mulberry Street kitchen from Smallbone of Devizes combines different materials and hues to create a timeless and elegant look. The kitchen cabinetry is in hand-crafted stained oak while the large island and worktop are in Statuary marble. The miniature brickwork-pattern mosaic tile splashback is in Bardiglio marble. The dark wood, fresh white marble and the deep nuance of the tiles offset each other to give the traditional space a modern dimension. Kitchen from £40,000. **smallbone.co.uk**

The handleless Concrete-A kitchen from Leicht is finished in a fine layer of hand-applied concrete. The edgy material, which has varying light refractions giving its surface an attractive deep nuance, gives the kitchen an on-trend aesthetic. Shown here in Brasilia dark grey concrete, it is also available in Manhattan light grey and Le Havre reddish brown. Kitchen from £15,000. **leicht.com**



CONCRETE MIX

This classic material has long been a discerning feature of architecture – at any point we're never too far from a concrete structure – but now its use within the home is on the rise. Concrete surfaces are contemporary, attractive and are available in a wide range of hues and finishes. As a shapeless, amorphous substance it has the ability to be made into almost any form, and now cabinetry with a decorative concrete finish is readily available. The once typecast building material has shown itself to be a versatile contender for most popular newcomer in the kitchen…





Above left: The cutting-edge 'Pure' kitchen by Steininger is finished in sturdy yet light 8mm-thick concrete – which is heat-resistant and food-safe. It is available in Grey Beige, Nature Grey and Anthracite. From £39,000. **steininger-designers.at**
Above right: The Nuage extractor hood by Elica appears to peel off this concrete-effect wall. The camouflaged appliance is available with a paintable steel exterior panel or with a plasterboard exterior panel, which can be coated to match your wall, blending the hood into your scheme. From £1,300. **elica.co.uk**

ON ITS OWN TWO FEET

Freestanding kitchen cabinetry is far from a new concept, however it's still as trendy as ever. Freestanding units are exceptionally versatile. Furniture can be added over time, layouts can be reconfigured and finishes can be mixed and matched to create your perfect kitchen. Whether you opt for a contemporary or traditional design, freestanding units will make your room feel larger, as they allow your eyes to pass freely beneath your cabinetry, giving the illusion of more floor space. Freestanding fixtures tend to look like individual pieces of furniture – distinctly different from the everyday kitchen cabinetry we've come to know over recent years. As a result you can combine pieces to create an eclectic aesthetic that is entirely unique, and ultimately more homely (more akin to your living room than a characterless, commercial kitchen).



Above: The freestanding Vipp kitchen, shown here in black powder-coated stainless steel with a 4mm-thick stainless steel worktop, is supported by a thin but sturdy aluminium frame, which raises the fixture from the floor. From £18,000 including delivery and installation. **vipp.com**
Right: The freestanding Vermont oak kitchen from Fired Earth features a worktop in Caesarstone 'Crystal Snow'. It is available in 20 painted finishes, including Sandy Shore (as shown), and three oak finishes including Cider Oak (also shown). Kitchen from £10,000. **firedearth.com**



"Ideal for classic country houses, freestanding kitchens are perfect for contemporary interiors too; keep lines and palettes simple, and accessorize with accents of chrome for a modern take on the look."

Rob Whitaker, creative director, Fired Earth

EDITOR'S tip...

Opt for a good lighting control system that can be bright when you are cooking, but low to set the mood and complement this sophisticated style when you are entertaining.



UTOPIA LOVES

THE DARK SIDE

This moody, sullen and unapologetically indulgent style is highly sophisticated, tasteful, overtly masculine and incredibly contemporary. It is clean, ordered and embraces sharp edges and crisp finishes to create a pristine, freshly installed look… even after months and years of use. Is it any wonder this modern aesthetic is becoming ever more popular?

Muted tones, metal trims and an absence of embellishments all create this minimal yet dramatically industrial look. Black glass appliances camouflage into the deep, dark cabinetry and surfaces, and they catch the light, bringing an extra dimension to their surroundings.



Above: The black GOR 7424/NB gas-on-glass hob from Whirlpool will fit perfectly into a darker scheme. The 750mm-wide appliance features four gas burners, including a larger wok burner. £270. **whirlpool.co.uk**
Left: The P'7340 kitchen from Poggenpohl, designed in collaboration with the Porsche Design Studio, is confidently masculine. It is shown here with black carbon fibre doors, combined with a brushed aluminium frame and a sleek black glass worktop. Other finishes available. From £100,000. **poggenpohl.com**

EDITOR'S tip...

Different textures underfoot will increase your tactile awareness while giving your space an interesting look.





PEBBLE POWER

Accessories have the power to completely change the look of your space. If you are happy with your existing bathroom, or want to give your new bathroom that little something extra, then consider how decorative fittings can positively impact your scheme. Ornamental stones and pebbles have long been a popular embellishment for bathrooms, and 2016 will only see them continue to grow in popularity. They are natural companions for water (think the tranquil effect of water gliding across stones on a riverbed), come at a low cost and can fit around a traditional or contemporary design.

Create a Zen-like feeling in your own home with well-chosen accessories. Here a bed of polished pebbles frames a tranquil pool that flows between the bathroom and the garden. The dark pebbles contrast with the white gloss Pli vanity by Burgbad and available from Ripples. Vanity unit from £2,250; double basin from £2,540; illuminated mirror from £2,400. **ripples.ltd.uk**

INDUSTRIAL DESIGN

This urban look takes many forms – from exposed pipework to (seemingly unfinished) concrete surfaces, visible metal ceiling supports and all manner of unconventional raw materials – each creating a masculine vibe more reminiscent of a factory than a home. The eccentric, arty style is already well established in the kitchen, and still continuing to grow in popularity, but now it is beginning to flourish in the bathroom too. Industrialised bathrooms will feature dark matt finishes and showers, basins and baths with visible waste outlets, coupled with minimal surroundings. There is no place in these schemes for intricate patterns, flowery accessories or bright, bold hues – this is about stripping back an interior to its raw state.





Above left: The freestanding Soho bath filler, designed by Jee-O and available from C.P. Hart, oozes industrial style. Its sturdy, stark form and black hammer coating reinforces its masculine appearance. Price on request. **cphart.co.uk**
Above right: The deck-mounted Brooklyn basin mixer, part of the Watermark collection available from West One Bathrooms, is shown here with a Gunmetal finish. Its shape evokes images of traditional engineering structures and mid-century shipping harbours. Also available as wall-mounted. From £1,200. **westonebathrooms.com**



The ‘Concrete Bath’ by Glass 1989 is made of Ductal, an ultra-strong high-quality concrete, and is shown here in Pearl Grey. The freestanding statement bath sports a visible dark grey painted stainless steel frame and a large flat rim that offers extra support and a handy shelf for toiletries. Other colour versions available. From 4,010. **glass1989.it**

TECH-TACULAR PRODUCTS

High-tech products can be spectacular additions to your home. Your kitchen is likely full of gadgets and gizmos, and few of us are ever very far away from our phones and tablets, so it isn't surprising technology is whizzing its way into the bathroom. Baths with Bluetooth-capabilities and speakers for music, automatic demisting mirrors, infrared taps and pre-programmable loos and showers are just some of the innovative products now available for your bathroom.



This wall-mounted 'Electronic Sensor Automatic Basin Tap' from Livinghouse is thermostatically controlled with an automatic infrared sensor for switching the tap on and off. When you move your hand toward the sensor area the water flow starts, and when your hand is removed the sensor automatically stops the flow. The tap has a contemporary black glass screen with a stylish blue illuminated halo light around the spout. Available in black or white glass from £1,105. **livinghouse.co.uk**



Technological advances aren't just about making life easier (although that's a huge part of the appeal); they can also have significant benefits to your wellbeing. Chromatherapy (the use of coloured light to relax, heal and stimulate the mind and body) is now available in many showers and baths. The Zazzeri 'Virgin' shower designed by Daniele Bedini is an innovative shower system that is integrated into the bathroom ceiling. It is operated by a remote control that can not only switch the shower on and off, but also rotate between three styles of water flow. The shower also features colour-changing LED lights that appear to change the colour of the water cascading from it. The brass showerhead is finished in chrome, gold or black with outer panels in white Corian – a solid surface material. Around £3,500. **zazzeri.it**

"Virgin has a complex hydraulic electronic system, which is able to manage the three different ways of showering: rain, single lateral fall or double. Then a LED RGB lighting system colours the water."

Daniele Bedini, designer



The Diamond freestanding washbasin, designed by Karol and available from C.P. Hart, has a decorative geometric design on its exterior. £2,275. **cphart.co.uk**

FASCINATING FACETS

These geometric products have many sides, giving them a jewel-like appearance reminiscent of a diamond. Each design is enticingly tactile and the perfect accompaniment for the bathroom – a space which encourages all of your senses to come alive, none more so than your sense of touch. Facets deflect light at different angles, creating a captivating aesthetic that works just as well on a small basin mixer as it does on larger products and surfaces.





Above left: The Stealth 21400 washbasin mixer from Graff was inspired by the B-2 Stealth bomber aircraft known for its aerodynamic angular shape. The single lever tap has an unusual triangular-shaped handle to complement its eye-catching body. From £660. **graff-faucets.com**

Above right: The Octagon freestanding washbasin from Villeroy & Boch is made of TitanCeram, a hygienic ceramic material. Its bowl features artistic facets that catch the light and attract the eye. From £5,000, **villeroy-boch.co.uk**


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TURKISH DELIGHT

An open-plan scheme incorporating rough textures and natural materials was the brief set by the owner of this spacious penthouse apartment

THE property

This five-storey building is situated in the heart of Istanbul, Turkey. The owner, an outdoors-loving bachelor, uses the large, open-plan penthouse apartment as his private abode, while the floors below are his offices. The property offers views of an old Armenian church and the Galata Tower, one of the city's most iconic landmarks.

The cast-concrete and iron kitchen island extends into a cantilevered dining table. At the foot of the table there is a large hearth supporting a circular, open fire. A customisable storage system made of iron rods climbs both floors of the apartment and runs across the length of the property into the kitchen. The owner uses the units as a library, woodshed and kitchen storage, and also as a wardrobe on the upper level.





Rough, practical, cosy and extraordinary were all keywords the owner of this penthouse apartment used to describe his ideal bachelor pad. As an enthusiastic outdoorsman, he was keen for designers Yasemin Arpaç and Sabahattin Emir, founders of Turkish interior design and architecture practice, Ofist, to use natural materials. The final result was an open-plan, industrial scheme that perfectly embodies the owner's unique taste and style.

"The brief was clear from the beginning," says Yasemin. "The home was to be used, not nicely photographed and never lived in." Functionality was crucial and nothing was to be hidden away or concealed. The kitchen also needed to take centre stage. The bespoke kitchen countertop is a cast-concrete block surface supported by an iron frame. The worktop sits above wheeled plywood storage units and appliances, and it continues at a lower height to become a cantilevered dining table. At the foot of the table sits a showstopping hearth and open fire.

A large metal storage system covers one of the penthouse's four walls. The simple structure, made of 12mm and 16mm-thick iron rods, helps unite the different zones including the kitchen, living area and bedroom. "The owner may arrange and utilise the storage system however he likes," says Sabahattin. Various shelving units and accessories are designed to fit the unit, such as single, double or triple-storey shelves, as well as separators and hanging fittings.

At the beginning of the project the loft was on a single level and it only featured a few small windows along one wall. "The structural approach to the home was to open it up to get more light in and to make the most of the view," says Yasemin. "The previous small window openings on the front façade were enlarged and the new folding windows slide the width of the building to transform the living area into a balcony." Large skylights were also added to provide natural lighting for the mezzanine level.



As the owner lives alone, there was no need to separate the apartment into individual rooms. Instead a single, united open-plan scheme was created where all areas entwine together.

The penthouse's lower level is covered in large natural stone tiles that are set at an angle to create a more casual effect.



The custom-made suspended mirror above the basin is a plate of polished stainless steel that is held in place with weights to ensure it doesn't sway in the wind when the windows are open.

The bathroom shares its space on the mezzanine level with the bedroom. The floor for the whole level is covered in a cement-based material, which offers a cool, pleasant feeling underfoot. The bath and bed are nestled in a single block coated in the same cement material as the floor. The shower wall is clad in a locally sourced marble and a glass wall separates the loo, bathroom and bedroom zones, ensuring the open-plan scheme remains throughout the home.

The apartment was designed and built specifically for the owner. "Every single fitting is specially and specifically designed and built for him," says Sabahattin. "You can't remove or move any part, so it needed to be designed perfectly for his lifestyle, and he is really happy with the result – he wouldn't add or change a thing!"

The ceiling is partly clad in iroko, an African timber similar to oak or teak, which adds warmth into the industrial scheme. Rectangular skylights complement large bi-folding windows below and provide additional natural light for the mezzanine level.



The bedroom and bathroom are featured on the apartment's mezzanine level. The floor, and the block that houses the bath and bed, are covered in a cement-based material, which creates an industrial, masculine vibe.



THE details

Interior design by Yasemin Arpaç and Sabahattin Emir, founders of Ofist, including iron rod storage system, iroko wall and ceiling, and natural stone tile and concrete floors **ofist.com**

Kitchen
Kitchen design by Ofist, including bespoke concrete worktop, cantilevered dining table and hearth **as before**

Liebherr SBSesf7212, similar to fridge freezer, WTb4212, similar to wine cabinet **myliebherr.co.uk**

Teka EW905GAIALTRCI, similar to hob **teka.com/en**

Franke CR981MBMM, similar to oven **franke.com**

Miele CVA 6401, similar to coffee machine **miele.co.uk**

Duravit Starck 1 porcelain sink **duravit.co.uk**

Bathroom
Bathroom design by Ofist, including bespoke concrete-coated bath, shelving, shower area, Skyline marble walls and polished stainless steel plate mirror **as before**

Antoniolupi Bikappa bath mixer, Bikappa freestanding single lever basin mixer **antoniolupi.it**

Hansgrohe Raindance, similar to showerhead **hansgrohe.co.uk**

Duravit Starck 3 wall-hung loo and bidet **duravit.co.uk**



THE designer

"Start by evaluating what you really need and how you live. Do you really need a dining table in your house? Maybe you don't cook often, or perhaps you live in your kitchen and you don't need a bigger living room as you first thought... Carefully consider what you really want and need and design your space to fit."
Yasemin Arpaç, founder, Ofist

Timeless tech

Contemporary kitchens and high-tech appliances go hand in hand, but if you prefer a more classic style you can still benefit from state-of-the-art technology



This Goodwood range kitchen by Teddy Edwards features a large white Aga as a focal point. An integrated Gaggenau RW464361 wine cooler looks at home in its classic surroundings – its front is exposed so you can see the contents within, however its electronic controls are hidden to complement the room's traditional aesthetic. Other modern appliances, including a Gaggenau RB492301 fridge freezer, are concealed within the kitchen's bleached walnut and Warm Grey painted cabinetry. Kitchen as shown £80,000. **teddyedwards.co.uk**



These innovative products deliver on performance while complementing their traditional surroundings…



You'd expect a contemporary kitchen to be fitted with the very latest gadgets and gizmos – everything from state-of-the-art built-in appliances to high-tech lighting, touchscreen displays, Smart drawers and ultramodern digital controls – but what if you want to benefit from the latest technological advances, but prefer a traditional style?

Downdraft extractors, concealable power outlets, flush hobs and integrated appliances are all discreet ways you can trick the eye and sneak highly-functional electricals into your kitchen. When not in use you can shut cupboard doors and hide appliances so your kitchen keeps its elegant, classical look.

If out of sight is too impractical, there are über-modern products that are perfectly suited to a classic scheme. Raw materials, such as wood and stone, complement traditional kitchens. Although you'll be hard-pressed to find a wooden microwave or a stone coffee machine, appliances in stainless steel won't look out of place surrounded by these materials. Furthermore, some of the latest technology is now available under the guise of traditional designs, so you can no longer tell how Smart an appliance is from its appearance.



Opposite page: The chrome finish Country Aquitaine by Perrin & Rowe has the look of a traditional kitchen mixer, however it instantly dispenses steaming water up to 99°C. The tap does away with the need for a kettle and will help your classic kitchen look sophisticated and timeless. Other finishes available. £875. **perrinandrowe.co.uk**

The Everhot 120i may be fashioned in the style of a classic range cooker, however its interior is far more modern. Behind three of the front doors are ovens, while the fourth door conceals its controls. The top features cast iron hotplates and a three-zone induction hob. Available in Black, Blue, Cream, Burgundy, Sage, White, Green and Graphite (as shown). £8,240. **everhot.co.uk**









This period property features a timeless and elegant kitchen with discreet and concealable appliances, so it is high-tech and functional while also visually in keeping with the building's classic architecture. The bespoke design from Mowlem & Co features an unassuming flush-fitted Gaggenau induction hob, an Elica Adagio downdraft extractor and subtle pop-up power socket that disappear into the countertop when not in use. Kitchen from £30,000. **mowlemandco.com**



EDITOR'S tip...

Stainless steel may look aesthetically pleasing, but it is incredibly practical too. It is easy to wipe clean and it naturally resists smudges and fingerprints – perfect for a busy family kitchen.



UTOPIA LOVES

Exposed brick walls, stone floors and timber beams help this country kitchen exude traditional style. The classic space has been teamed with state-of-the-art stainless steel appliances from Sub-Zero & Wolf, which, although modern, reflect and complement their surroundings rather than detracting from the room's aged features. Sub-Zero ICB648PRO fridge freezer with water filtration system and ice maker £23,880; Wolf ICBDF606CG duel fuel range cooker with self-cleaning ovens, six gas hobs and digital temperature probe £20,260; PW602718 pro ventilation extractor hood with infrared heat lamps £3,025. **subzero-wolf.co.uk**

Whether you choose to conceal your technology, opt for appliances that complement your scheme or decide to hide your modern equipment in plain sight, there is something for every style.



The three-oven Aga Total Control from Aga Rangemaster Group is a high-tech reimagining of the classic heat-storage cooker. Contrary to its traditional design, the electric appliance is controlled by a touchscreen display housed behind its upper-left door. The control, which can be accessed directly or programmed via a remote handset, offers the choice to independently control the hotplates and roasting, baking and simmering ovens. Available in 14 colour options including Black, as shown. Five-oven version also available. £10,695. **agaliving.com**



This traditional Hartford range kitchen from Tom Howley is hand-painted in the company's Chicory grey. It features a Kohler Icerock champagne trough and stainless steel appliances from Sub-Zero & Wolf, including the ICB648PROG side-by-side fridge freezer. The reflective appliances complement their timeless surroundings rather than detracting from the cabinetry's classic look. Kitchen from £35,000. **tomhowley.co.uk**





A large American-style fridge freezer and modern cooking appliances are left on display, giving this traditional kitchen a contemporary edge. The metallic appliances have been teamed with matching drawer handles, pendant lights and other accessories to create a united aesthetic. The bespoke kitchen is from Sola Kitchens' Frillen range and it features solid ash cabinetry hand-painted in two shades of grey. Kitchen from £28,000. **solakitchens.com**



Modern appliances can be hidden away from view behind traditional cabinetry, giving you the benefits of new technology without detracting from your classic scheme. This bespoke English collection kitchen from Martin Moore features hand-painted hardwood cabinetry and Caesarstone Dreamy Marfil worktops. Its modern Miele appliances are discreetly housed behind cabinetry doors so they can be concealed when not in use. Kitchen from £35,000. **martinmoore.com**



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"The beauty of the latest LED lighting and power hubs today are that they can be subtle and hidden away as required and therefore won't fight any classic styling. LED lights are available in a range of white colour options, warm white often being better suited to a more traditional wooden kitchen."

Liam Walker, senior product designer, Sensio Lighting



Visible technology can date a timeless scheme. The SensioPod pull-up power socket from Sensio Lighting conceals power outlets within the worktop out of view, giving you an uninterrupted view of your traditional kitchen. The device also acts as a Bluetooth speaker, which can connect wirelessly to your mobile device allowing you to play music in your kitchen. From £125. **sensio.co.uk**

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Make a splash!

These showstopping baths take centre stage in the bathroom – their curious forms set them aside from the standard soaker



Symbiosis, from Slovenian bathroom brand Kolpa, boasts a transfixing form. The single solid surface structure combines a washbasin and a bath. The freestanding unit conceals its pipework, so its sculptural form takes full focus. The eye-catching design is complemented by a high-tech control that enables you to monitor your water temperature and pressure, and built-in speakers that give you the option to play music. Price on request. **kolpasan.eu/en**

These arresting baths attract attention in all the right ways. The tasteful vessels provide a real statement in the bathroom and let you soak in style…

Freestanding baths are inherently eye-catching, so dive in and don't be afraid to use the space you have. This style is anything but shy and unassuming. To make a statement you need a bath that demands attention from the moment you open the bathroom door – so opt for a freestanding bath that can take centre stage in the middle of the room.





Sculpturally shaped baths make a statement – their curious forms are eye-catching and memorable – but a distinct finish can be just as striking, even on a more traditionally-shaped vessel. A captivating metallic finish or a brave, bold hue will make any bath dazzle.

Opt for a muted scheme. A plain white surround will ensure the eye goes straight to your bath. If you have a mix of hues, a contrast of textures or multiple statement features the eye will be distracted and the impact of your intriguing design will be lost. Think: minimalist art gallery chic.

But remember, whatever you choose be sure it's a design you love – it'll be the first thing you see every time you enter the room!

Think…

Focal point, bright hues, statement, metallic accents, curious form, freestanding, intriguing style, texture, minimalist surroundings, unique materials, sculptural, centred, luxury, classic, contemporary, unforgettable, extraordinary, the envy of all your friends…



Opposite page: In the style of a precious jewel, the Diamond bath from Maison Valentina instantly makes a splash in the bathroom. Its geometric exterior is in silver leaf, a thin beaten sheet of metal that is shown here in high gloss translucent black. The bath's highly sculptural form is complemented by an opulent golden interior. From £21,100. **maisonvalentina.net**

The Sofa bath by Glass 1989 has a luxurious shape reminiscent of a chaise lounge. The freestanding vessel is made of MineraLite, a cement based solid surface material, and it has a glossy white finish that complements its stylish and sophisticated shape. From £4,350. **glass1989.com**

UTOPIA LOVES



The Origami freestanding bath, designed by Kelly Hoppen for Apaiser and available from Laurence Pidgeon, boasts a textured exterior inspired by the art of paper folding. The artistic bath is made of stone and is complemented by two matching freestanding basins of the same name. Bath £5,680; basins £1,335 each. **laurencepidgeon.com**



The freestanding George bathtub from Falper combines materials and finishes with very different qualities – to a striking effect. This version's noticeable diamond-cut top is made of gloss white Ceramilux, a solid surface material, while its seductive trim is in brushed copper and its base is clad in a dark burnt walnut timber veneer. The gloss and matt finishes in contrasting hues mean the attractive design is unforgettable. Other materials and finishes available. £12,050. **falper.it/en**



At first glance the freestanding ‘Frame’ bath, from Ashton & Bentley’s Organic Téchni range, appears raised – supported by four thin legs. The white bath, which sits directly on the floor, is complemented by an arresting frame coated in a sumptuous Correro metallic copper finish. The burnished surface shimmers against the bath’s stark white interior. Price on request. **ashtonandbentley.co.uk**



EDITOR'S tip...

Where possible, give a bath a test drive. Jumping in to assess the size and depth isn't as odd as it sounds. But be sure to ask the showroom manager first!



The Anahita freestanding bath from Alternative Bathrooms has a dramatic spiral form inspired by swirling water. The eye-catching design is made of white Cristalplant, a non-porous solid surface material, and makes an impressive centrepiece in a contemporary bathroom. The bath is shown here with matching Kon freestanding basins. Bath £8,000; basins £3,000 each. **alternativebathrooms.com**

"Classic freestanding roll tops make great statement baths, but there are also an increasing number of great looking contemporary freestanding baths made from natural stone and mineral technology. If you don't have space for a freestanding bath, built-in baths can be set into stone or marble for extra wow factor."

Jane Gilchriest, director, Alternative Bathrooms





UTOPIA LOVES

When trying to make a statement, the material or finish can be just as significant as the shape of the bath itself. The made-to-order Papillon freestanding bathtub from West One Bathrooms is carved from a single block of Carrara marble. The lightly toned stone is patterned with naturally occurring grey veins, which cascade across its entire surface. The marbling is in stark contrast to the minimal surroundings, helping the bath and accompanying basin draw full focus. From £51,930. **westonebathrooms.com**



EDITOR'S tip...

The bathroom shouldn't *just* be a place for ablution – it should also be a space for escapism, getting some well-deserved 'me' time to relax and unwind after a long day – so be sure to pick a bath that is as comfortable as it is stunning.



The elegant doubled-ended Waldorf bath from Crosswater has a distinctive fluted silhouette that is evocative of luxurious 1920s style. Its symmetric shape means it is well suited to being a centred focal point. The cast mineral marble vessel has a high gloss Durocoat finish and is available as freestanding or wall-mounted (as shown). £2,395. **crosswater.co.uk**

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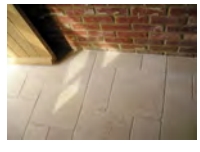
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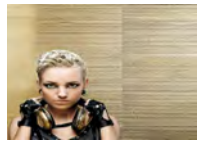
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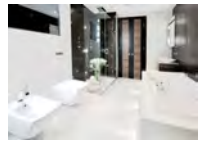
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STRAIGHT TO THE COUNTRY

This newly built six-bedroomed country mansion has been designed with a contemporary kitchen suitable for formal and informal entertaining



Set within a private estate in the countryside, this newly built mansion needed a contemporary kitchen that can be easily maintained, while being luxurious enough for its potential new owners to entertain friends and family. Kate Rayner, senior kitchen designer at Lida Cucina, rose to the challenge.

The large open-plan kitchen stretches from the front to the back of the home. The space is light and airy as it has windows on three sides and shares its space with the family area, which in turn is connected to the garden via bi-folding doors. “The brightness, together with the developer’s brief, inspired my design,” says Kate.

The long shape of the room helped dictate the choice of kitchen. “I selected a design called Sole, which has very clean lines,” says Kate. The kitchen features a run of cabinets down each side of the room with a large rectangular island in the centre. “This look emphasises the clean lines and linearity of the space,” explains Kate.



Plenty of space has been left between the island and the wall units to allow all members of a large, busy family to use the kitchen at the same time. The island has a stone worktop in off-white which sits harmoniously with the high-gloss cream cabinetry.

THE property

This luxurious detached house is set within its own private estate in the countryside. It is a new-build currently on the market, and its size suggests it will be home to a large family as it features six bedrooms and an annexe.

The island houses the hob and downdraft extractor fan in addition to a bespoke frosted glass breakfast table to one end. The raised table is circular which helps break up the angularity of the design.





THE designer

"If you want a contemporary, linear kitchen in your home keep it simple! The contemporary look is lost if the area appears cluttered, so a single colour for worktops and cupboards always works well, with the addition of a strong contrast colour to enhance the linear aspects."
Kate Rayner, senior design consultant, Lida Cucina



When natural light is fading pendant lights supplied by Alexander James Interiors illuminate the breakfast table while discreet ceiling downlighters provide light for the whole space.



A combination of cabinets in grey oak veneer and cream gloss lacquer gives contrast in both colour and texture. “The cream gloss lacquer on the cupboard doors also reflects the abundant light, as does the bronze mirror above the upstands,” says Kate. The cooking appliances form a single horizontal row on one side of the kitchen, echoing the island and complementing the linear theme of the design.

“The project ran really smoothly,” recalls Kate, who is extremely happy with the final result: “I am most pleased with the impact created by the strong lines which form an integral part of the design, and how well the light coloured reflective surfaces and mirrors have worked. The whole kitchen appears light, bright and is perfect for the potential owners.”

THE details

Kitchen design by Kate Rayner, senior design consultant at Lida Cucina, including Arrex Sole cabinetry in cream gloss lacquer and grey oak veneer, Okite Bianco white polished worktops and 10mm-thick circular glass table with chrome finish supporting legs **lidacucina.co.uk**

Helden Homes – the property

Falmec DOW-900-WTBL downdraft extractor **falmec.co.uk**

Miele KM6386 hob, H6660BP oven, DG6600 multi-steam oven, H6660BM microwave, K37472ID fridge, FN9752i freezer, KWT4154UG-1 wine cabinet, CVA6401 coffee machine, G4280Vi dishwasher, ESW6114 warming drawer **miele.co.uk**

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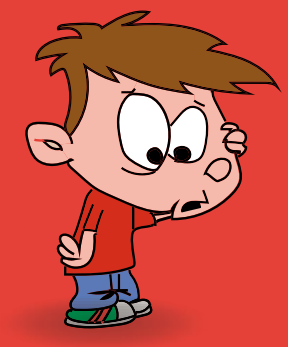
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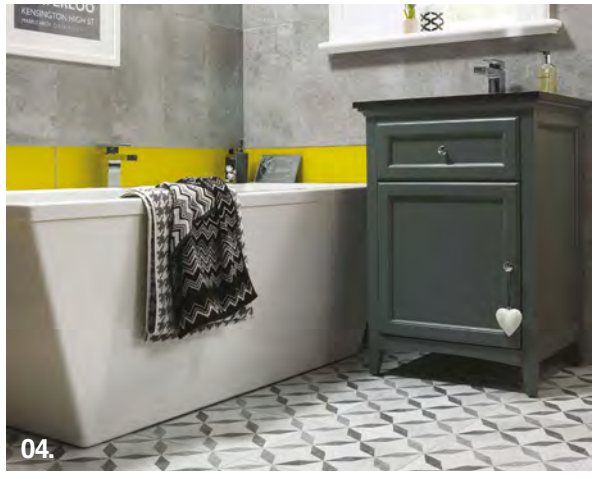


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02. Attention! The stainless steel 'Torino' when painted accentuates and highlights the military inspired riveting and its crisp, flawless body shape. Let your imagination run wild with this industrious bath. Photo shown: painted in bespoke colour. **hurlinghambaths.co.uk**



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